

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

DATE: March 13, 2024

SUBJECT: BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – CITY COMMISSION / AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

We request for this Item to be heard during the March 13, 2024 Commission Meeting.

ANALYSIS

The applicants who have filed with the Office of the City Clerk for the below At-Large appointments are included in Item R9 A. Please visit Notices / Section 6 of this Agenda to view the Release(s) listing current information about applicants who have been nominated for appointment.

BOARD AND COMMITTEES:

1. AD HOC PERMITTING PROCESS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (7):

- One (1) general contractor member with permitting experience within the past five (5) years in the City of Miami Beach.
- Two (2) members with experience as a permit expeditor within the past five (5) years in any municipality.
- One (1) member with experience as a plan reviewer within the past five (5) years in any municipality.
- One (1) member with experience as an inspector within the past five (5) years in any municipality.
- Two (2) residents who have built or made improvements to their own properties in the City of Miami Beach within the past five (5) years, regardless of the scale of the project.

Note: Individuals must be residents of the City for a minimum of two (2) years, or demonstrate ownership/interest in, or employment relationship with a business established in the City for a minimum of two (2) years. Exceptions to the foregoing may be approved by a majority vote of the City Commission for individuals with specific knowledge or expertise relative to regulatory permit processes.

2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (6):

Six members shall be appointed at-large by a majority vote of the Mayor and City Commission, and must include members from at least six of the following categories:

- Actively engaged in the residential home-building industry in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 1)
- Actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 2)
- Representing those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 3)
- Actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 4) *To replace term-limited member Matthew Land.*
- Actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing. (Category # 5)
- Actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing. (Category # 6)
- Actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 7)
- Actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to Florida Statute §163.3174 (Planning Board member) (Category # 8)
- Resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments. (Category # 9)
- Represents employers within the jurisdiction. (Category # 10)
- Represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan. (Category # 11)

Currently, the Committee has one member in Category 9, one member in Category 10, and two members in Category 1.

Note: If the City, due to the presence of a conflict of interest by prospective appointees, or other reasonable factors, is unable to appoint a citizen actively engaged in these activities in connection with affordable housing, a citizen engaged in the activity without regard to affordable housing may be appointed.

3. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

VACANCY (1):

- One Citizen who shall possess a high degree of competence in the evaluation of art history and architectural history, art, architecture, sculpture, painting, artistic structure design, and other appropriate art media for display or integration in public places. *To replace term-limited member Yolanda Sanchez.*

4. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (5/7 vote required)

VACANCY (1):

1. One member in the Law Category. (Category # 1). *To replace former member Geoffrey Aaronson who is eligible for reappointment.*

5. COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION IN MIAMI BEACH

VACANCY (1):

- One City Commission member to serve as City Commission liaison, who shall report to the City Commission actions of the Committee for Quality Education.

6. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

VACANCIES (2):

- One Landscape Architect registered in the State of Florida. (Category # 3).
- One (i) licensed professional engineer, licensed professional architect, or licensed professional landscape architect with expertise in water resources; (ii) a person licensed by the State of Florida in hydrology, water, or wastewater treatment; (iii) a person with a degree from an accredited college or university in a field of study related to water resources; or (iv) a floodplain manager or a principal community administrator responsible for the daily implementation of flood loss reduction activities including enforcing a community's flood damage prevention ordinance, updating flood maps, plans, and policies of the community, and any of the activities related to administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) (a "water management expert"). (Category # 6) *To replace Jason Hagopian, who is not seeking reappointment.*

Note: Residency and or place of business - All regular members shall reside in or have their primary place of business in the county, except for the water management expert appointed pursuant to subsection (a)(6), who need not reside in or have a principal place of business in the county, and except as otherwise provided in subsection (a)(5). The At-Large member and one of the registered landscape architects, registered architects, or professionals practicing in the fields of architectural or urban design or urban planning shall be residents of the City.

7. GENERAL OBLIGATION (G.O.) BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (2):

- One City resident from any geographic area of the City with experience working with cultural/arts organizations, including with respect to operations, facilities management, or design.
- One City resident from the South Beach area.

8. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (8):

- One member shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from Miami Beach Community Health Center or their designated administrator. (Category # 2) *To replace former member Mark Rabinowitz who is eligible for reappointment.*
- One member shall be an administrator from an adult congregate living facility (ACLF); and/or an assisted living facility (ALF). (Category # 3) *To replace Dr. Mark Sinnreich, who was removed due to absence. Dr. Sinnreich is eligible for reappointment.*

- One (1) member shall be a representative of the nursing profession. (Category # 4) *To replace Martha Baker, who was removed due to absence and is not seeking reappointment.*
- One member shall be a health benefits provider. (Category # 5)
- One member shall be a physician. (Category # 6). *To replace former member Baruch Jacobs M.D. who is eligible for reappointment.*
- One individual from the corporate level. (Category # 7a)
- One private individual. (Category # 7b)
- Ex-Officio, Miami-Dade County Health Department.

9. HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD:

VACANCY (1):

- One individual in the field of general business who possesses good standing in the community.

10. NEXT GENERATION COUNCIL (1-year term)

Note: Members must be eighteen (18) years through thirty-six (36) years of age at the time of appointment.

VACANCIES (3):

- One member must be a business owner in the City. (Category A)
- One member must be licensed and actively practicing in the field of real estate. (Category B)
- One member must be licensed and actively practicing in the field of architecture or engineering. (Category C)

11. NORTH BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VACANCY (1):

- One member who must currently reside for a minimum of five (5) years within the geographic boundaries of the North Beach CRA or a 300-foot radius thereof. (Category # 1 b)

Note: The five (5) year minimum residency requirement for Category 1 may be waived upon a 5/7th vote of the City Commission, in the event a resident within the applicable geographic area is available to serve on the committee and is exceptionally qualified by training and/or experience. Each of the members must have demonstrated interest in neighborhood leadership issues, including, without limitation, neighborhood business groups, homeowner or condominium associations and cooperatives, civic groups, and/or other similar qualifications.

12. PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY

VACANCY (1):

- One member who has demonstrated a high degree of interest, participation, and/or expertise in baseball.

13. PERSONNEL BOARD (5/7 vote required)

VACANCIES (2):

- Two citizens of Miami Beach, not employed by the City, and not having the same vocation as any other member of the Personnel Board. (Excluded vocations: Executive Director/Political Party, Translator, International Sales Manager/Consultant, and Concert Producer/Impresario.)

14. SENIORS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (5):

- One resident of the Four Freedoms House who shall be recommended by the residents of the Four Freedoms House and ratified by the city commission. (Category # 3) *To replace term-limited member Enilda Thomas.*
- One resident of the Blackstone Apartments who shall be recommended by the residents of the Blackstone Apartments and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # 4)
- One resident of Rebecca Towers selected by the Board of Commissioners of the Miami Beach Housing Authority. (Category # 6) *To replace Ana Rabelo, who is not seeking reappointment.*
- One resident of Council Towers North who shall be recommended by the residents of Council Towers North and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # 7)
- One resident of Council Towers South who shall be recommended by the residents of Council Towers South and ratified by the city commission. (Category # 8) *To replace term-limited member Natasha Fernandez.*

15. TRANSPORTATION, PARKING, AND BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (2):

- One South Beach neighborhood association member. (Category # 2) *To replace former member Marcia Dupart Lepori who is eligible for reappointment.*
- One South Beach business owner or a South Beach business association member. (Category # 3) *To replace term-limited member Al Feola.*

16. VISITOR AND CONVENTION AUTHORITY

Note: Members must reside in Miami-Dade County.

VACANCY (1):

- One Hotel Industry member. *To replace term-limited member Christopher Rollins.*